

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been objected to for failing to provide an antecedent for the expression “a computer program product” which appears in Claims 39 and 46. The expression “a computer program product” and the word “code” have been added to paragraph [0024] of the specification accordingly.

Claims 22-38, 41-45, and 47-49 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In addition, Claims 22-36, 43-45, and 47 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps. Furthermore, Claims 39-40 and 46 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

The Examiner has not rejected any claims based on prior art (i.e., for anticipation or obviousness). The Applicant thanks the Examiner accordingly.

With respect to Claim 22, and referring to the 35 USC 112 rejection detailed in the last three paragraphs on page 2 of the Office Action, the Applicant respectfully submits that the preamble for this claim is a standard form for a method claim. For example, the preamble of Claim 1 of U.S. Patent Number 6,727,910 (the “’910 patent”) uses similar wording. Note that that claim was allowed by the same Examiner as the present application. Also note that the ‘910 patent and the present application are commonly assigned and that a terminal disclaimer has been filed. The Applicant respectfully submits that such wording should therefore be acceptable in the present application.

With respect to Claims 37-38 and 48, and referring to the 35 USC 112 rejection detailed in the first paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action, the Applicant respectfully submits that the body of each of these claims is in a standard form for a body of a system claim. For example, the body of Claim 12 of the ‘910 patent uses similar wording. The Applicant respectfully submits that such wording should therefore be acceptable in the present application.

With respect to Claims 41-42, and referring to the 35 USC 112 rejection detailed in the second paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action, the Applicant respectfully submits that the wording used is

standard wording for an article having a computer readable modulated carrier signal claim. For example, the body of Claim 34 of the '910 patent uses similar wording. The Applicant respectfully submits that such wording should therefore be acceptable in the present application.

With respect to Claims 22-36, 43-45, and 47, and referring to the 35 USC 112 rejection detailed in the third paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action, the expression "for display on a display screen" has been added to the preamble of Claims 22, 43, 45, and 47 as suggested by the Examiner.

With respect to Claims 39-40 and 46, and referring to the 35 USC 112 rejection detailed in the last paragraph on page 3 (and continuing into the first paragraph on page 4), as mentioned above, the expression "a computer program product" and the word "code" have been added to paragraph [0024] of the specification to provide the required enabling language.

No new matter has been entered by the above amendments.

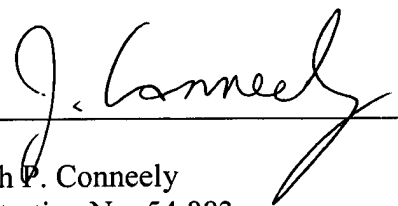
The Applicant believes that Claims 22-49 are patentable.

The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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